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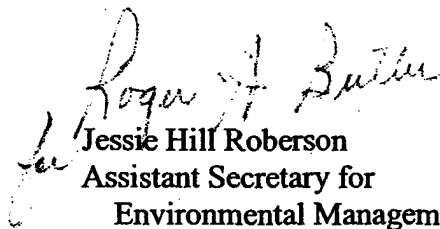
Thank you for your March 29, 2003, letter from the Environmental Management Site Specific Advisory Board requesting that the Office of Environmental Management (EM) update the waste disposition maps. I agree with you that the waste disposition maps were useful for identifying planned and potential waste transfers among EM facilities. However, the EM program no longer believes this level of detailed disposition data for an individual waste stream is warranted for management of the cleanup program.

Initiatives to accelerate site cleanups and closures have been documented in individual sites' Performance Management Plans, which highlight site cleanup initiatives as well as off-site waste transfers. In addition, EM has identified 16 corporate performance metrics, many related to waste and material disposition. In addition, wastes whose disposition remains unknown or whose disposition is to be determined are being managed by corporate EM project teams. You may find information on these items at our web site <http://www.em.doe.gov>.

Enclosed is some summary information on disposition of the Department of Energy (DOE) low-level waste (LLW). The table displays volumes of LLW sent by DOE waste generator sites to commercial disposal (at Envirocare of Utah) and to DOE disposal (at the Nevada Test Site and Hanford in Washington State). For commercial disposal, the table shows actual volumes shipped from each waste generator site in fiscal year (FY) 2002. For DOE disposal, the table shows actual volumes from FY 2002 and forecast volumes for FY 2003.

If you have any further questions, please call me at (202) 586-7709 or Ms. Patrice M. Bubar, Associate Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Integration and Disposition, at (202) 586-5151.

Sincerely,


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